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1. BEFORE ARRIVAL OF BRZEZINSKI PARTY, I GOT IN TOUCH QUICKLY WITH PRESIDENTIAL PROTOCOL CHIEF AND ADVISER CHOI KWANG-SOO ON KIM DONG-JO PROBLEM. AFTER REVIEWING ACTIONS DEPARTMENT HAD TAKEN AND CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL SITUATIONS REGARDING PROPOSED HOUSE RESOLUTION, I SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO KIM DONG-JO NOT BE INCLUDED IN ANY OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS IN BOTH US AND ROKG INTERESTS.

2. CHOI WAS IMMEDIATELY RESPONSIVE AND SAID THAT HE COMPLETELY UNDERSTOOD THE POINT I WAS MAKING. HE WENT ON TO SAY "DO NOT WORRY. IT WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF".

3. I MIGHT NOTE THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY FOR ME TO STATE EXPLICITLY THAT KIM DONG-JO PRESENCE AT BRZEZINSKI MEETING AND LUNCHEON WOULD BE "UNACCEPTABLE". I TRUST SAME LINE WILL BE TAKEN IN ANY CONVERSATION WITH KOREAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.
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